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1. ACCORDING INDIAN EMBASSY AND AFGHAN SOURCES, INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE WIDE-RANGING OFFER OF ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL INVOLVE NEW INDIAN TECHNICIANS. NUMBERS FORESEEN IN NEAR FUTURE MORE LIKE 200 THAN 1200 HOWEVER, AND MOST OF THOSE WILL BE SHORT-TERM EXPERTS DOING FEASIBILITY STUDIES.

2. THERE IS A GENERAL DESIRE ON PART OF GOA TO MINIMIZE NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS FROM "HIGH-PRICED" COUNTRIES SUCH AS USA, ENGLAND, GERMANY, ETC., IN FAVOR OF "LOW-PRICED" THIRD WORLD TECHNICIANS IN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROJECTS. GOA HAS ALLUDED TO THIS DESIRE IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH USAID AND GERMANS, AT LEAST, ABOUT FUTURE PROJECT ASSISTANCE. INDIANS OBVIOUSLY MEET THIS CRITERION, BUT GOA HAS MADE NO REFERENCE TO AN EXCLUSIVE DESIRE FOR INDIANS.

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3. USAID AND OTHER FOREIGN TECHNICIANS HAVE HAD NO INDICATION FROM AFGHANS OF SEPT 15 CHANGE IN STATUS. A NUMBER OF US TECHNICIANS LEAVING IN NEAR FUTURE AS THEIR SPECIFIC PROJECTS END, BUT NO REPEAT NO TECHNICIANS FROM US, GERMAN OR UN MISSIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE PREMATURELY. SINCE PROJECTS ARE ENDING, NONE OF DEPARTING TECHNICIANS WILL BE "REPLACED" BY INDIAN TECHS.
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